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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA : Deputy Director (Plans) *mt*
SUBJECT : Soviet Press on US Clandestine
Activities in Latvia
REFERENCE : CSR Memo to DCI dtd 27 Sep 57; Subj:
Sov Announce't US Cland Act's Latvia

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. On 26 November 1957 Latvian SSR newspapers, CINA and SOVETSKAYA LATVIA, began publishing a serial on American intelligence activities in Latvia. The editorial foreword describes it as a detailed account based on material revealed in the investigation conducted by KGB of the case of American agents L. N. ZARINS and L. P. BROMBERG. These personalities were subjects in reference memorandum.
3. No significant new information on ZARINS and BROMBERG appears in the initial installment. However, other American agents are named for the first time. They appear in the press as Herberts, Riekstins and Boris. Herberts was the operational alias of [] and Boris was that of [] In Riekstins' instance []
4. Besides the agents mentioned, three staff officers of the Agency are referred to by operational aliases of Dale, Kull and John. The article also states that the training of these agents took place at Kempton and Starnberg, Germany, and at Teinton near Washington.
5. According to our records the substance of the article is substantially correct. [] [] and [] were parachuted into

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Latvia from a covert aircraft on 26 August 1952. [] had never established communications with base and was presumed lost on landing. [] communicated with base by means of S/W letters and the base with him by means of W/T until December 1956 when he advised base he was severing contact to establish himself on the economy since his hope of our recovering him from there was lost. [] initiated communications with base via W/T about six months after he was dispatched and this was maintained until it was broken off by him without explanation, also, in December 1956. In his instance, however, his communications to us at all times showed RIS control indicators.

6. No special new security implications are seen in the first installment. As subsequent parts are translated the text will be screened and any information of significance will be brought to your attention. Anything of security interest will be handled with the Office of Security and other pertinent components of the Agency.

cc: DDCI

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